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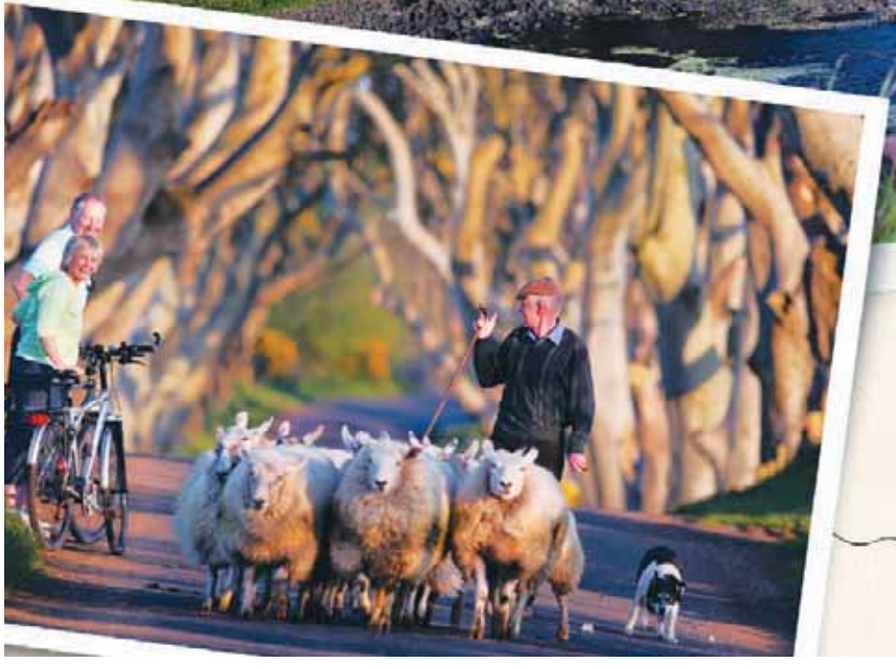

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Locals in U.K. living in fear

Calgarians there say daily life altered ◗ Fourth day of unrest in British capital ◗ Police numbers tripled to clamp down on rioters

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Calgary residents currently in London fear their safety could be threatened should unlawful behaviour in the city continue to grow.

The riots started Saturday with a protest over a police shooting but have morphed into general lawlessness, forcing police to adopt new control tactics.

Jacqueline Civitarese, a Calgarian working as a public-relations intern in London, said riots have consistently progressed towards the city's centre and the community she is staying in.

The 25-year-old heard a particularly harrowing tale of individuals pretending to help a man injured in the riots before taking advantage and robbing him.

"There's a lot of people that have been injured," she added. "My worst fear is that it escalates.... It's becoming more prominent. It's in everyone's backyard almost."

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JACQUELINE CIVITARESE

Cochrane resident Sarah Sampson, who is visiting family in London, heard a spontaneous riot was planned for a community near the hostel where she is staying as rioters continued to co-ordinate through use of social media.

Luckily, she is scheduled to fly home today.

"It's still spreading, it's not stopping," Sampson said.

Civitarese said daily routines in the capital city have been altered significantly, noting she was sent home early from work yesterday.

"Everyone is really embarrassed," she said of the mood in the country.

But through all the destruction and fear, some signs of hope have also emerged.

Erika Soliven, who lived in Calgary before moving to London two and a half years ago, said news of residents joining forces to clean up riot debris was a step in the right direction.

Meanwhile, police launched a murder inquiry after a man found with a gunshot wound during riots in the south London suburb of Croydon died of his injuries yesterday. Police said 44 officers and 14 members of the public were hurt, including a man in his 60s with life-threatening injuries.

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▶ A police dog and its handler walk past a burning car yesterday during the second night of civil disturbances in central Birmingham, England.

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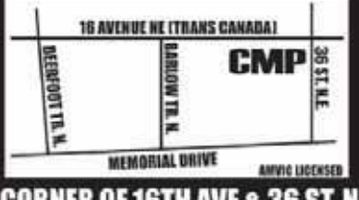

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Vehicles sport ribbons for troops

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Many city vehicles will now show their support for the Canadian military with a bright, yellow ribbon.

Can West Label donated a shipment of sticker, magnet and vinyl film ribbons with the words, Support Our Troops, to city hall yesterday.

This shipment will cover the 5,000-strong fleet of city vehicles but when council approved Ald. Shane Keating's motion in July, they left it up to city workers on whether or not to use the ribbon.

Keating said it is important for those who served or serve in the military to know their work is valued.

"We have to make sure we are there for the Canadian military," he said.

The decision to place these stickers on city vehicles was previously debated, but the idea was shot down by council in 2007.

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

▶ Ald. Shane Keating places a Support Our Troops yellow ribbon on one of 5,000 city vehicles at city hall yesterday.

Alberta history on display

Canadian government gave $1M to help Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation build a trail system from Cochrane to Calgary ◐ Educational programs and walking and cycling trails available in park

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Eleven thousand years of history can now be found and explored just northwest of Calgary in the Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park.

The park officially opened yesterday and Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Cindy Ady and Premier Ed Stelmach were there to help celebrate.

"Human history in this area goes back 11,000 years," said Stelmach. "While the landscape has changed during that time, it still retains its majesty and also its beauty."

Guided hikes, birdwatching and archaeology programs are some of the activities that the park offers to visitors.

Park's land

- The land was purchased by the Alberta government from the Harvie family in 2006 for $40 million and is made up of over 3,200 acres of ranch land.

The construction of the Trans Canada Trail, a pathway that will eventually connect Glenbow Ranch to the Haskayne Park pathways in Calgary, will be underway soon.

"This is going to be a great and grand Alberta park," said Andy Crooks, CEO of the Glenbow Ranch Park foundation.

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▶ Andy Crooks of the Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation, left, Premier Ed Stelmach and Cindy Ady, minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, help kick off the opening of the Glenbow Ranch Park yesterday.

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▶ Gold recycler Kayla Polet holds up just a small portion of the gold brought to The Gold Recyclers temporary kiosk at Southcentre Mall Monday.

Some see golden opportunity in their jewelry

The Gold Recyclers, based out of Victoria, B.C., are only in Calgary once every month

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A modern-day gold rush has hit the economy.

With gold prices reaching high rates recently, people have been rushing to cash in on their valuables.

"It's a great time to liquidate," said Nicole Polet, spokeswoman for The Gold Recyclers, a travelling kiosk that tours around Canada.

$1,743 Gold closed at $1,743 US per ounce yesterday.

"The increase in the market value will finally motivate (people) to clean out their jewelery boxes."

People were lined up Monday at the Southcentre Mall kiosk to cash in their gold. Some even brought in their gold teeth, according to Polet.

The trend has surprised some observers.

"It is unusual," said Rob Laidlaw, vice president and director of Acumen Capital. "We haven't seen a gold spike in a while."

Laidlaw describes gold as a "safe haven" for investors recently but he adds that all metals have been doing well in the markets.

More on gold {page 10}

Local divers turned down by RCMP in rescue search

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Divers with the Calgary Fire Department were offered in the search for a local man presumed drowned in Chestermere Lake, but the lack of a contract kept them out of the water.

RCMP divers from British Columbia arrived in the town just east of Calgary yesterday to continue hunting for the body of Richis Bondo Katumbay.

The 33-year-old father of seven was tubing Saturday night on the lake when he slipped off and failed to stay afloat.

Calgary fire spokesperson Brian McAsey said teams from Calgary were offered immediately for both rescue and recovery of the body but were declined.

"We actually offered, no one asked us," McAsey said yesterday. "You would have to ask the RCMP about how they go about that."

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▶ Richis Bondo Katumbay

The RCMP instead opted to bring down a team from Edmonton. That group halted the search Sunday night and returned home.

No recovery efforts were conducted Monday as the RCMP sought help from dive teams in nearby provinces.

RCMP spokesperson Patrick Webb said any available resources will be used for a rescue operation but contracts for recovery efforts will be made only with select groups.

"We have four agencies that have said we are available to go where you need for when you need," he said.

Enlisting help

- For recovery efforts, the RCMP can enlist help from two private agencies as well as divers with the Lethbridge and Medicine Hat fire departments, said spokesperson Patrick Webb.
- The Calgary Fire Department would have billed the RCMP for service if they were used in the recovery but spokesperson Patrick Webb said it was unclear whether their services would be more expensive than the agencies actually used.

Keeping bears off the train tracks

Some of the world's foremost bear experts will gather in Banff next month to find new ways to prevent grizzlies from getting killed along railway tracks inside the national park.

A dozen of the bears have been killed and a half dozen cubs orphaned in the last decade.

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A wounded man walks into hospital

Police are investigating a shooting after a man walked into a northeast hospital yesterday suffering a gunshot wound to his torso.

Around 3 p.m., a man in his early 30s entered the hospital and was immediately taken to the trauma centre for treatment.

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New transit for Cochrane

Cochrane and surrounding municipalities received $6.1 million in provincial funding for new transit services yesterday.

The money will be used to buy double-decker buses, shuttle buses, a building for bus storage and maintenance, and a bus depot. The new transit will include a bus that brings residents to and from Calgary.

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SUSPECT NABBED

Fraudster targeted oil companies for millions

Greed is likely what tipped Alberta oil and gas companies off to an alleged fraud operation aimed at acquiring millions of dollars.

Calgary police announced yesterday they have charged John Edward Wilson, 41, with three counts of fraud of more than $5,000 after he allegedly sent false invoices to seven companies claiming they owed payments for well-site environmental-compliance fees.

The bills ranged from $400,000 to $3.3 million and contained an "elaborate" breakdown of the cost per well.

It is believed no company fell for the alleged scam.

More charges are possible, said Const. Tanya Bertulli.

"We believe that had the amounts been smaller, they (the oil and gas companies) would have just paid up," Bertulli said.

Police allege Wilson conducted the invoicing under the guise of a company called Alberta Environmental Registry, which was incorporated last month.

"We believe he had knowledge of the oil and gas sector," she added.

In hopes of nabbing the fraudster, Bertulli said police set up a sting operation claiming they were willing to pay the fee.

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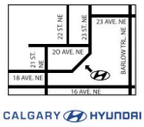

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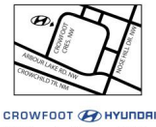

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Metro compares two recent, chaotic outbursts in major cities

A tale of two city riots

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Vancouver

How it started:
Sparked after the Canucks' 4-0 loss to the Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup final.

Social media:
Twitter and Facebook were two of the tools used to identify and shame rioters.

Size and scope:
The crowd of around 100,000 was three times as large as the crowd that rioted following the 1994 Stanley Cup final. The riot was contained in the downtown core.

Resolution:
Police were able to quell the Stanley Cup riot after about three hours, but footage of burning cars and smashed windows drew attention from around the world.

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▶ Vancouver Canuck fans burn cars after their team lost to the Boston Bruins in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final.

London

How it started:
Riots broke out in North London after a march to protest the fatal shooting of Mark Duggan, a father of four, turned violent.

Social media:
Initially, Twitter and BlackBerry use were being blamed for inciting violence and looting.

Size and scope:
A march of 200 people in Tottenham turned violent and spread to other London neighbourhoods. Over the next three days, the chaos also spread to other cities like Liverpool.

Resolution:
None yet. For civic leaders and Olympic organizers, the violence is an unwelcome reminder of London's volatility less than a year before the city hosts the 2012 Games.

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▶ A girl laughs as a car burns after it was set on fire by rioters in Hackney, east London, on Monday.

ANTHONY DEVLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ An employee talks on her phone from behind the smashed windows of a looted hair salon in Ealing, west London, yesterday.

London police expand presence

Thousands more police officers flooded London streets yesterday in a bid to end Britain's worst rioting in a generation as nervous shopkeepers closed early and some residents stood guard in order to protect their neighbourhoods.

An eerie calm prevailed in the city, but unrest spread across central and northern England on a fourth night of violence driven by poor, diverse and brazen crowds of young people.

Scenes of ransacked stores, torched cars and blackened buildings frightened and outraged Britons just a year before London is to host the summer Olympic Games, and brought demands for a tougher response from law enforcement.

London's Metropolitan Police department put thousands more officers in the streets and said that by today there would be 16,000 — almost triple the number present Monday.

Britain's riots began Saturday when an initially peaceful protest over a police shooting in London's Tottenham neighbourhood turned violent. That clash has morphed into a general lawlessness in London and several other cities that police have struggled to halt with ordinary tactics.

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Turkey urges Syria to end crackdown

- **Foreign minister meets with Assad to discuss peace**
- **Army launches new raids that kill 22 people**

Turkey's foreign minister said he met President Bashar Assad for more than six hours yesterday to discuss "concrete steps" Syria should take to stop its violent crackdown on anti-government protesters.

Meanwhile, the Syrian army launched a series of new raids around the country, which activists said killed 22 people.

Ahmet Davutoglu, speaking to reporters on his return to Turkey from Damascus, said the talks were cordial but did not say what steps they had discussed or whether Assad had agreed to consider them.

"We discussed ways to prevent confrontation between the army and the people in the most open and clear way," the Turkish foreign minister said.

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▶ A Lebanese protester holds an Arabic placard that calls for freedom for the Syrian people.

Assad is facing growing international condemnation over the regime's deadly crackdown on a five-month-old uprising. Envoys from India, Brazil and South Africa are also headed to Damascus to press for an end to the violence.

The visit by Davutoglu is significant because Ankara, until recently, had close ties to Damascus. But Turkey has become increasingly critical of its neighbour over the bloodshed.

Syria's state-run SANA news agency said Assad told Davutoglu the Syrian government will be relentless in its pursuit of "terrorist groups" to safeguard stability and security in the country.

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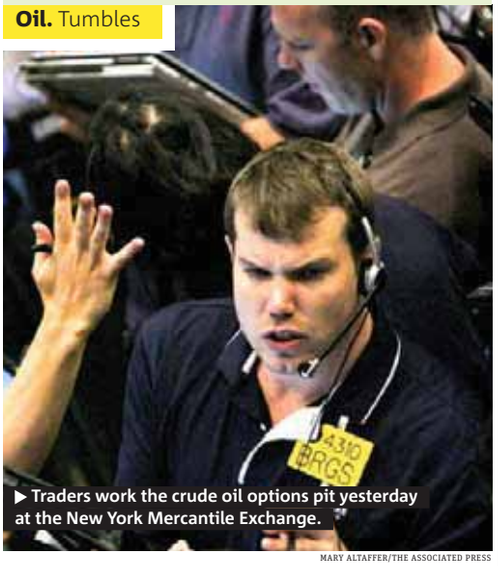

▶ Traders work the crude oil options pit yesterday at the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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A crude awakening

Oil prices in Europe fell to their lowest in almost a year yesterday amid a global sell-off of equities and commodities triggered by investor fears of a looming U.S. recession. But OPEC said yesterday that world demand for oil will grow this year and next despite signs the tepid international economic recovery is running out of steam.

Investors eyeing German economy

The fear that has gripped Europe's sovereign debt market took root in its stock markets yesterday as investors worried about uncertain growth prospects for some of the continent's biggest companies.

Germany's stock market was down for the 10th consecutive day and new data from Europe's growth engine showed that export growth — a closely watched economic indicator — is slowing down.

Germany has sailed through the debt crisis relatively unscathed, and the eurozone's largest economy enjoyed stellar growth last year and early this year.

But if the current stock market sell-off continues, this could change.

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Markets bounce back as Fed reacts

◐ U.S. Federal Reserve vows to keep interest rates near zero ◐ But worries remain about Europe, U.S.

The Toronto stock market surged 438.3 points to 12,109.26 yesterday as investors bought up stocks across all sectors that had been beaten down in price during a series of plunges that brought the TSX to its lowest level in a year.

The rally occurred even as the U.S. Federal Reserve acknowledged the U.S. economy is weaker than it had thought, with more challenges ahead. The Fed announced yesterday that it is keeping interest rates near zero and expects to keep them low through mid-2013.

The main Toronto index has fallen sharply over the past two weeks, losing almost nine per cent in just the last three sessions, a reflection of worries about Europe's sovereign debt crisis and the U.S. going back into recession.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
+ 438.3 (12,109.26)	+ 1.24¢ (102.16¢ US)
Oil	**Natural gas 1,000 cu ft**
- $2.01 ($79.30 US)	$3.994 US (+ 5.9¢)
	Gold contract
	$1,743 US (+ $29.80)

"Europe is the biggest concern," said Jim Muir, director at Fraser Mackenzie, pointing out that at least the U.S. has the will to dig itself out of its problems.

"And I'm not sure that even with the will you could solve Europe's problems. What happens to their banking system when, not if, Greece goes lights out and gives everyone a haircut on the paper they're holding? Then what happens after that because there are other countries that are in not much better shape than Greece?"

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Gold appeal up as debt levels rise

Investors view gold as a safer bet as global stock markets tumble Gold's price continues to soar

Gold prices are pushing to new heights as investors digest the possible consequences of the lowered U.S. credit rating and Europe's debt crisis.

Investors view gold as a safer bet amid rising worries about debt levels of the major economies and tumbling stock markets. Its value, unlike that of a currency, doesn't hinge on whether countries can make their bond payments, or on the their economies.

The price of gold streaked past $1,700 US an ounce for the first time Monday as anxious investors sought safety in the metal as stocks tumbled around the world. Gold futures settled yesterday at a record $1,743 US an ounce.

Gold's price has more than doubled since the recession began in late 2007. Its climb accelerated this summer. Still, adjusted for inflation, an ounce of gold remains below its 1980 peak of $850, which translates to about $2,400 in current dollars.

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▶ An employee at the Korea Gold Exchange shows off gold bars in Seoul yesterday. Gold's allure stems in part from fears that the world's major economies are dangerously indebted.

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The Apple of U.S. business

Apple has surpassed Exxon Mobil as the most valuable company in the U.S.

Apple Inc.'s stock gained 3.2 per cent to $364.60 US yesterday, bringing the iPhone and iPad maker's market capitalization to about $338 billion.

Exxon Mobil Corp. shares, were trading at $69.45, down nearly one per cent, giving the oil company a market cap of $337.7 billion.

Other corporations, such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and General Electric Co., don't come close.

Apple has been on a roll with the popularity of its iPad tablet computer and strong sales of the iPhone. Investors expect Apple to grow if it keeps making products people want. Exxon has limited growth prospects.

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Housing market up

A stronger than expected housing market helped the Canadian economy, but economists say market tumult may jeopardize momentum.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said that housing starts rose to 205,100 units on a seasonally adjusted basis in July, up 11.6 per cent from last July.

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Diana Nyad, you rock.

Mick Jagger, you also rock, if for slightly different reasons.

Diana Nyad rocks because, at an age when other people are adjusting their Depends, she attempts to swim from Cuba to Key West in shark-infested waters.

OK, she only got halfway yesterday before they pulled her out of the water, but she spent 29 hours in the Caribbean and was blown 24 kilometres off course. A lot of people have trouble getting out of the bathtub at 61.

I love what she said before she set out: "I think this is the prime. When one reaches this age, you still have a body that's strong but now you have a better mind."

Meanwhile, Sir Mick is rocking the charts with relevant new music when other people his age have the dial permanently stuck on 1967.

"We're all in this together — we can blame the advertising industry, Hollywood or Generation X, Y and Z, but those of us still in our 'prime' start whining about our aches and pains they way we used to complain about hangovers and sunburns and other fallouts of wretched excess."

That was a very good year, but come on. We can't go to the mall or the supermarket without being tossed back kicking and screaming into 1967, but Mick and his new BFFs have nailed a perfect blend of reggae, hip-hop and soul to rescue the beach blanket bingo from Katy Perry.

As part of a supergroup called Superheavy, the world's oldest Stone joins the world's youngest — Joss Stone — along with Damian, he of the next generation of Marleys, and Dave Stewart, another old person with young ideas — he turns 59 next month.

So who cares? Why bother with geezers, even if they are a notch up from the norm on the spry scale?

Because they are choosing to die young as late as they can. Life's candle is brief enough, but for some reason we choose to snuff it out prematurely. We're all in this together — we can blame the advertising industry, Hollywood or Generation X, Y and Z, but those of us still in our "prime" start whining about our aches and pains they way we used to complain about hangovers and sunburns and other fallouts of wretched excess.

Yep, parts fall off, but that's no reason to give up. You don't have to swim the whole Caribbean or crack the Billboard Hot 100 (although there is a tune called Moves Like Jagger by Maroon 5 and Christina Aguilera at number 25 with a bullet on the Hot 100) but how much better is life when you put it all out there?

Diana Nyad and Mick Jagger prove there is life after 30, 40, 50 or 60. Or until there isn't.

Then, and only then, will I stop trying to get out of the tub.

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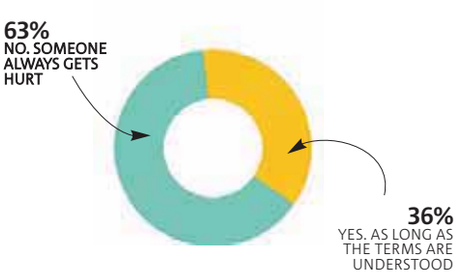

Local tweets

- **@LDH74:** I must warn you #yyc. I have no coffee for my commute this AM!!! #yyc-traffic
- **@AlisonWanderlnd:** Dear #yyc drivers: You're not so important that you can't put down your cellphone. And if you ARE that important? Hire an effing driver.
- **@Poplarkiller:** Another gorgeous day in the #yyc the crew and I are out beautifying the slums of deer run. Trees look great, the hood still looks #ghetto
- **@BrodeurNJ30:** Automotive shops are going to make a lot of money today. Seems everyone in #yyc has a broken indicator. #ThatsEmbarrassing
- **@latoya12:** As per usual, #yyc transit made me late again. I should always just factor in some sort of pseudo delay, or become a better runner.
- **@CgyCraig:** Is it just me or are the cyclists in d/t #yyc a bunch of douches? This am a line of them run a stop sign, barely missing a pedestrian.
- **@travislimbocker:** Just when you think you have enough plaid in cowtown, you go to @Ranchmans .....#yyc

Worth Mentioning

THINKING ABOUT THINKING. Scientists who hunt for "intelligence genes" used to think there were fewer than half a dozen of them.

In recent years, they determined there may be at least 1,000 — each with just a tiny effect on the differences in people's IQ. A study released yesterday found new evidence that many genes play a role in intelligence, but scientists still couldn't pinpoint the specific genes involved.

"We can't find the effects of any individual genes that are large enough to seem worth worrying about," said psychologist Eric Turkheimer at the University of Virginia.

The new DNA study, reported in the journal Molecular Psychiatry, found many genes work together to shape intelligence much like the different instruments of an orchestra that play in sync.

As important as genes are in determining intelligence, they don't act alone, and the role of one's upbringing and experiences cannot be ignored.

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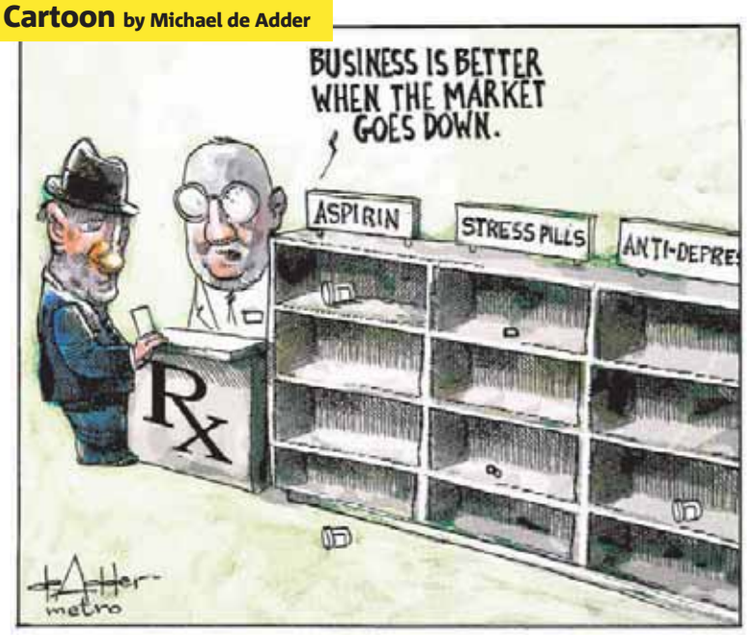

WEIRD NEWS

Semen-spiked water proves a pricey prank

A U.S. man convicted of ejaculating into a co-worker's water bottle has been ordered to pay the woman more than $27,000 US.

The Los Angeles Times says a judge on Monday ordered Michael Kevin Lallana to pay the woman for loss of wages, therapy and medical expenses.

Lallana was convicted earlier this year of two misdemeanour counts of battery.

Prosecutors say Lallana deposited his semen twice last year in the water bottle of a co-worker at Northwestern Mutual Mortgage Co. in Newport Beach, Calif.

The woman drank from the bottle both times, throwing the first one away after detecting a foul taste.

The second time she sent the bottle to a lab for testing.

Lallana was arrested in July 2010 and his DNA was later matched to the water bottle.

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News in brief

Anne Hathaway is one Hollywood star who's wearing her age like a badge of honour. "I find the passing of time very liberating," says the actress, who turns 29 in November.
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Hong Kong director Johnnie To's Life Without Principle joins 22 films vying for Golden Lion

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▶ Emma Bell as Molly, left, Nicholas D'Agosto as Sam and Miles Fisher as Peter star in New Line Cinema's horror film Final Destination 5.

Resuscitating the Final Destination franchise

Original movie balanced 'humour and dark portent' with groups of people who cheated death
Can a new director and 3D imaging breathe life into Final Destination 5? Metro investigates

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

The folks behind Final Destination 5 want you to see their movie, but they understand if your faith in the franchise is a little shaken.

"We wanted to say to everybody, 'This is a serious movie that we took seriously. It's well-made and it is not what you would expect, given the last two or three movies in the franchise,'" Perry says.

The incredibly candid producer admits the franchise — about groups of people who cheat death only to have the grim reaper catch up with them in increasingly inventive ways — lost its way somewhat on the way to No. 5.

"I think we had lost what made the original special," he says. "The first one was able to handle that balance between humour and dark portent, and some of the subsequent ones, we went so far into making it over the top that it actually became distancing."

To help solve that issue, Perry and company brought in a new director, Steven Quale. "Steve made this one grounded and palpable and real," Perry says.

Quale proved the right man for the job for getting past what didn't work about the previous films.

"I don't like the word camp," he says. "I am one that really hates that kind of stuff. I mean, a fun movie like Austin Powers is great, but that's what it is. It's a parody. And I didn't want that to happen to this movie. And I thought some of the earlier movies may have been going in a direction that I don't like."

And while Quale's directing resumé isn't terribly long, his technical savvy came in extremely handy, since Final Destination 5 was shot in 3D.

"Having directed the second unit and done some visual effects for Avatar, I have years of experience working in the 3D realm," he says.

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Movie reviews

The Help
Genre: Drama
Director: Tate Taylor
Stars: Emma Stone, Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer
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The Help takes place against the backdrop of a time in the South when groups like the White Citizen's Council had a storefront on Main Street. The story of a plucky young writer (Emma Stone) and two courageous African-American maids (Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer) who write a book exposing the real lives of the domestic help is a finely acted but somewhat sanitized look at Mississippi life in 1963. Long on emotion and sincerity, to be truly effective this could have used a little more grit, but it does tell an important and heartfelt story. ● RICHARD CROUSE

The Help. Screen times

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In 2000, when the first Final Destination movie was released, no one could have predicted the success of the horror franchise. No one that is, except for maybe Devon Sawa, the Canadian born actor who played Alex Browning, the film's character gifted with second sight.

At the bloody heart of each of these gory horror movies is a character with premonitions of the future. Usually he or she has forewarning that all his/her good looking friends will die in the most terrible way imaginable. When the vision comes true — usually preceded by the tell tale line, "Something's wrong!"— whoever survives ends up dying anyway, in increasingly complicated ways. With Final Destination 5 opening this weekend it seemed like an appropriate time to look back at other movie characters that have had creepy visions.

In The Gift, the movie Sam Raimi directed just before spinning the web for Spider-Man 1, 2 and 3, Cate Blanchett plays a psychic who helps the police locate a missing girl.

Billy Bob Thornton, Blanchett's co-star and the movie's screenwriter, based the character on his mother, Virginia Thornton Faulkner.

Like the character in the movie the psychic Mrs. Faulkner was a widow who raised three boys and used her extra sensory ability to make extra money.

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▶ Donald Sutherland had visions in Don't Look Now

In the hauntingly surreal Don't Look Now, John Baxter (Donald Sutherland in a curly wig) has a premonition that something awful is about to happen to his daughter. Sure enough, seconds later she falls in a pond and drowns.

Later in Venice, John and his wife (Julie Christie) meet an elderly psychic who claims to see apparitions of the dead daughter, which triggers John's own otherworldly visions.

Adapted from a short story by Daphne Du Maurier the psychic thriller has become a cult classic since its release in 1973, inspiring filmmakers like Danny "Slumdog Millionaire" Boyle, who cites it as one of his favourite movies and E=MC2 a Top Twenty hit by Big Audio Dynamite.

Finally, some call these premonitions ESP, others, like author Stephen King, call them The Shining.

In King's novel, Stanley Kubrick's film and the television movie of the same name, both Danny Torrance, the telepathic son of the winter caretakers of the remote Overlook Hotel and chef Dick Hallorann (Scatman Crothers) have visions and premonitions.

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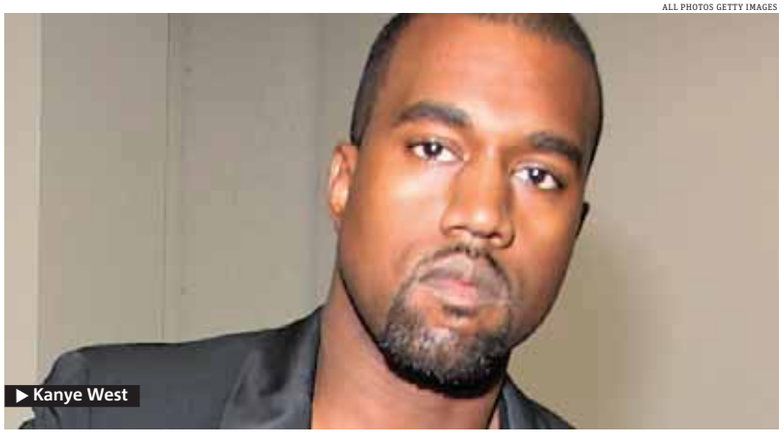

▶ Kanye West

West angered by recent criticisms

Rapper ranting about treatment at the hands of others

Kanye West had some things he wanted to get off his chest at a concert in England recently.

The outspoken rapper went on a bit of a rant between songs at the Big Chill Festival in Herefordshire over the weekend, according to TMZ.

"Once again I wake up, and I'm a monster. And I walk through the hotel and I walk down the street and people look at me like I'm f—ing insane, like I'm Hitler," West said in his rambling monologue, during which he declared himself the Michael Jordan of music.

> **"I walk down the street and people look at me like I'm ... insane, like I'm Hitler"**
> KANYE WEST

"One day a light will shine through and one day people will understand (that) everything I ever did, ever said, was to throw myself on the blade for the sake of someone else, for the sake of people," West said. METRO

Talking points

Confirming what we all already knew

THE STORY THAT JUST WON'T GO AWAY. It may have taken six years, but someone is finally saying what everyone suspected: Brad Pitt cheated on Jennifer Aniston with Angelina Jolie, according to a new book by Mr. and Mrs. Smith by producer Arnon Milchan.

"At first, Jen didn't believe he was involved with Angelina. She started asking around but no one would tell her anything because they were loyal to Brad, so she asked him point blank. He denied it," Milchan reports. "He eventually admitted he was in love with Angelina. Jen was furious and threw him out." METRO

DiCaprio, Lively step out on town

KEEP COOL Leonardo DiCaprio and Blake Lively brought their undercover romance to Los Angeles, trying to keep things low-key with a dinner date in the east side's Los Feliz neighbourhood, according to People magazine. METRO

Celebrity tweets

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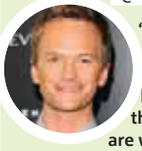

"Terrific. Now, instead of blocks, all the twins are wanting for their birthday is a mega-yacht."

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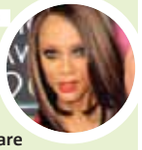

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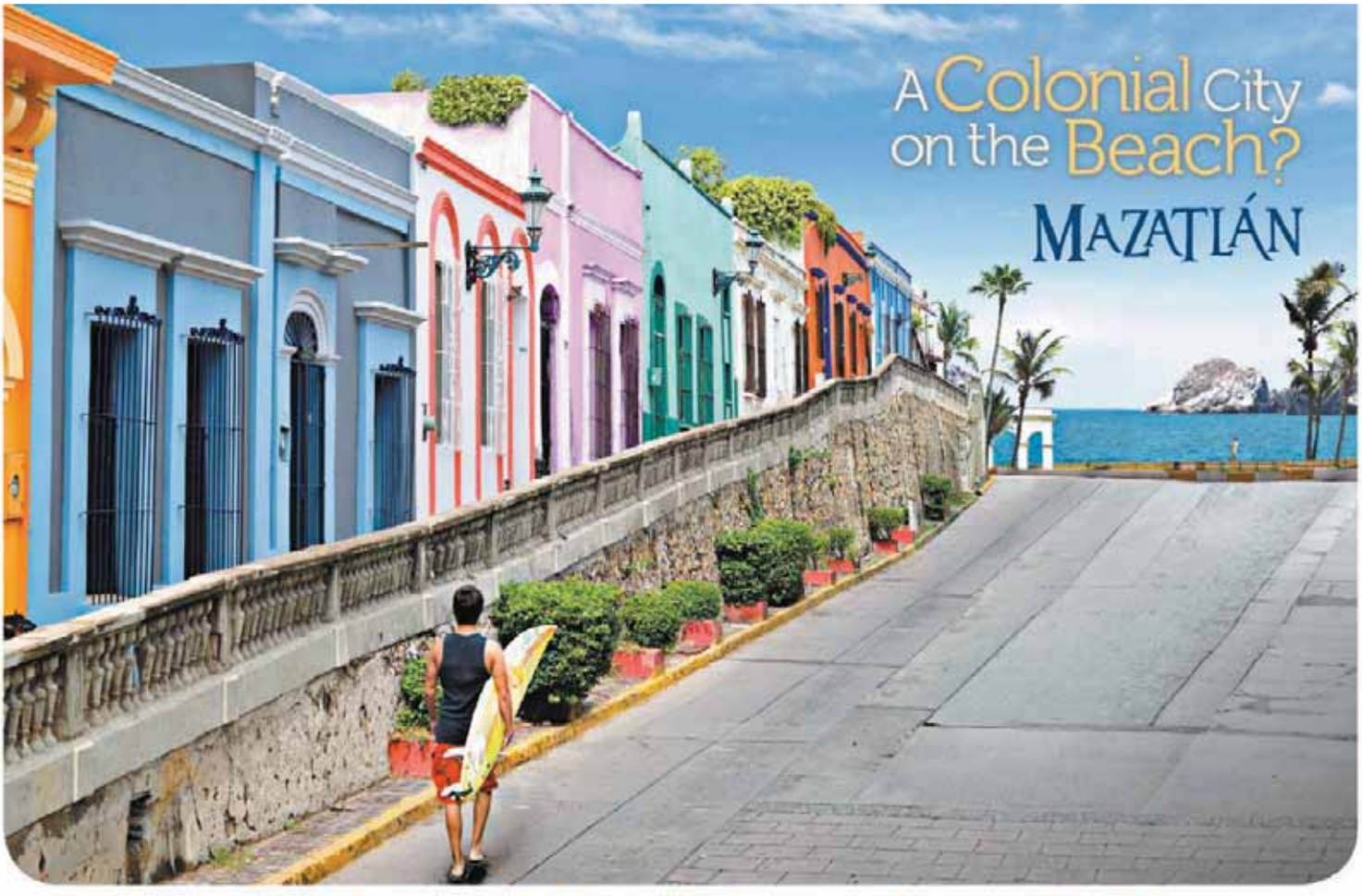

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The wet and wild clubs of Las Vegas

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Underestimate the sun. You are in the desert, after all.
Expect to work on your fitness. These pools aren't meant for laps.
DO
Drink plenty of water, particularly if you start with mojitos at 11 a.m.
Bring your ID to get into the day clubs.

▶ Rehab at The Hard Rock is known for its Sunday pool parties.

A new breed of tourist is heading to Las Vegas, but for the pools, not the casinos

NIKKI BEACH CLUB, TROPICANA

THE POOL: This is one of the newest party pools on the Strip, complete with teepee-shaped cabanas, opium beds and swim-up blackjack tables.

THE SCENE: This beach club is known for weekly events hosted by celebrities and international "dueling" DJs.

MOOREA BEACH CLUB, MANDALAY BAY

THE POOL: With a St. Tropez vibe, this beach club offers a private pool and lounge area, infinity whirlpool and poolside massages.

THE SCENE: This upscale, sophisticated day club offers views of Mandalay Beach, with its enormous wave pool.

MARQUEE DAY CLUB, COSMOPOLITAN

THE POOL: This day club has panoramic views of the Strip and is connected to a nightclub to bring the party from day to night.

THE SCENE: If you're looking for over-the-top luxury, rent a Grand Cabana with its own infinity pool, or a three-story poolside bungalow.

AZURE, THE PALAZZO

THE POOL: If you're not into the crazy party scene at neighbouring Tao Beach, this adult pool is designed to feel like a Mediterranean resort.

THE SCENE: Azure features Stereo Love Saturdays, where guest DJs spin by the pool. Unique touches include a menu by Wolfgang Puck and massages.

REHAB, THE HARD ROCK

THE POOL: There's a white-sand beach, planted palms, waterslide and poolside blackjack tables, and luxury cabanas.

THE SCENE: Rehab is known for its Sunday pool parties, where late-night clubbers "detox" from a night out on the Strip to the grooves of resident DJs.

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Cooper's nightmares

Alice Cooper is inviting theme park visitors into his nightmares this Halloween season. Universal Studios Hollywood announced plans Tuesday to construct an attraction based on the macabre rocker's album Welcome to My Nightmare, and its upcoming sequel Welcome 2 My Nightmare.

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Northumberland calls

Savour summer's final days in the Northumberland region, east of Toronto With a winery, spa, plenty of hiking trails and fishing, there's something to satisfy those who like pampering and those who like roughing it

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▶ Ste. Anne's spa is a great place to relax.

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With just a handful of weekends left to enjoy all that summer has to offer (not to mention a nice long Labour Day weekend!), it's time to get outdoors to savour it all. Just 2.5 hours east from Toronto by car, Ontario's Northumberland region beckons for just such an adventure — to experience all the fun, outdoorsy stuff childhoods are made of — intermingled with a few of the luxuries best enjoyed as an adult.

Located on a secluded inlet of the Trent River, the Windswept on the Trent B&B offers cottage-style accommodations with a twist. Families will enjoy staying in the inn's three-bedroom wooden water tower, originally built in the '40s, overlooking the river.

Couples, on the other hand, will enjoy the barn-loft style accommodations of the Coach House, where large red doors sweep out onto a balcony looking down onto the water, an alcove with a standalone bathtub and a plush bed create a true country-chic experience.

▶ Enjoy a sophisticated meal at Oak Heights Estate Winery.

For more family fun, visit Century Game Park near Warkworth; a bison and elk farm that's educational, delicious and offers one of the best views of the county. Learn about the history of bison in Canada, taste some of the local produce including bison sausage paired with cheese by local cheese maker Empire Cheese, while overlooking Trent Hills (best experienced at sunset) and getting up close and personal with the farm's bison and elk.

If you enjoy hiking, Northumberland offers plenty of trails. Best experienced in seasons bordering summer — late spring or early fall — the stretch of the Trans Canada Trail in Northumberland begins in Hastings and stretches 22km along the Trent River, through vast meadows, forest and marshland towards Campbellford.

As one of the most popular outdoor destinations near Toronto, Rice Lake not only offers great water sports but is a premiere fishing destination.

John "Sedge" Sedgwick has been offering guided fishing tours with Let's Fish Guiding for the past 12 years.

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Other sites

- **Church-Key Brewing Co.** located in an 1878 Methodist Church outside Campbellford, visit here for a tour or to pick up some handcrafted ales for home. Oak Heights Estate Winery for a light, sophisticated meal on the winery's patio overlooking the vineyard, glass of wine in hand.
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Canadian employers may "rule" their own workplaces but they definitely don't rule the courts. Despite workplace laws favouring their legal position, many employers make mistakes that hand employees a better case. Here are some of my favourite workplace blunders.

Paying only the statutory minimum on dismissal
You can't make an agreement to pay someone what they are already entitled to. Employers often try anyway. This usually leads them straight to court where judges show them little sympathy and, as in one recent case, can even award additional damages simply for having tried to take advantage of an employee's ignorance.

Probation Employees are not automatically on probation when they start employment unless they sign an employment contract that permits termination, for any reason, during that period. Many employers misunderstand this rule and often to their detriment. Further, there is no right to unilaterally place an employee on probation after she starts work, which a recent court found was a constructive termination.

Resignations In order to resign you must clearly and unequivocally wish to leave – and not to return. It is not a resignation if you are asked or encouraged to leave, nor is it a resignation if you are forced to leave.

Workplace investigations
To rely on misconduct as grounds for discipline or dismissal, allegations must be thoroughly investigated by a trained and neutral party. This rarely happens. Instead, human resources managers investigate by going through the motions, often just to say that they have. Courts routinely overturn the results of these "investigations" although, ironically, employees caught lying during the investigation will give their employers cause for dismissal when their initial behavior did not.

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Some expert advice

STUDENT VOICE

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In a world where undergraduate degrees are a dime a dozen and most industries are overflowing with over-qualified candidates,

I knew that getting a well-rounded education was a necessity. My parents also always encouraged me to go after what I loved to do and not use my education strictly as a career path.

That is how I ended up graduating from the University of Toronto with an English Specialist degree and no intention of applying my new-found education directly to a career.

Knowing I would have to enrol in post-graduate studies and with colleges offering extensive program options, I quickly learned that there were many different career paths that piqued my interest.

After speaking with people involved in the industries I wanted to enter into, training in public relations stood out among the rest.

It offered an opportunity to work in an industry where I could combine my learned skills with my passions.

While I was focused on pursuing a career in a very specific area of PR, many of my peers were more focused on whether to go into agency, corporate or non-profit.

Few had considered if there was a specific area or particular clients they wanted to work with.

It wasn't until I started my internship and my boss shared her school-to-industry transition story that I realized how important being focused and knowledgeable in a specific area could be.

If you can position yourself as the go-to person in your company, you essentially become invaluable to your colleagues.

While many industries like PR will give you opportunities to work with various clients in many different industries, it is important to consider your personal brand and what you want people to know you for.

If you are passionate about technology and can become an expert in that area, there will be more opportunities for you to work with clients who interest you.

Once you establish what you are known for, you can then expand as opportunities become available. I was able to secure an internship with a notable start-up company because of my passion for cars, as their main client is well positioned in the automotive industry.

I have the opportunity to not only focus on my passion, but also delve into many of the interesting opportunities that an agency setting offers.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Caitlin's experience:

- Embrace your passions and try to offer specific expertise relative to your interests. This helps you stand out from the crowd and gain an edge over the thousands of other students seeking the same opportunities.

Where Caitlin is now
Currently I am working at North Strategic, the agency where I interned, as an Account Co-ordinator. I have the unique opportunity to watch as a company is built from the ground up and learn from some of the best known practitioners in the industry.

Working with clients in the areas that I am passionate about is a definite bonus.

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Watermelon's savoury side

While the fruit is normally eaten sliced, the right ingredients can make it the star of appetizers and snacks

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▶ This recipe serves four.

Nothing beats biting into a wedge of refreshing watermelon when the temperature is soaring.

It contains an antioxidant known as lycopene, which gives it its deep pink colour, as well as vitamins A and C. Plus it's low in calories and has no fat, sodium or cholesterol. "What's interesting about lycopene is we usually hear about it in relation to tomatoes, but watermelon is actually the lycopene leader among fresh produce. It has almost double the amount of lycopene on a cup-per-cup basis when compared with raw tomatoes," says registered dietitian Cara Rosenbloom.

Most of the research on the anti-cancer properties of lycopene have focused on prostate cancer, said Rosenbloom.

Watermelon Havarti Stacks with Dilled Ranch and Grilled Chicken

The creaminess of havarti cheese mixed with fresh dill and savoury ranch dressing balances the sweetness of the watermelon, delivering a petite yet satisfying option.

Ingredients:

- 8 circles seedless watermelon (each 2.5 cm thick by 10 cm diameter/1 inch thick by 4 inch diameter)
- 8 slices havarti cheese
- 6 grilled chicken breast halves, cooled and julienned across grain
- 5 ml (1 tsp) minced fresh dill, stems removed and discarded
- 250 ml (1 cup) natural low-fat ranch dressing

Preparation:

1. Place one round of watermelon in centre of each of 4 serving plates. Trim cheese into same size circle as watermelon and place one cheese round on each of the four plated slices of watermelon. Top with another piece of watermelon and cheese.
2. Clump chicken in even portions on top of watermelon cheese stacks. Stir fresh dill into dressing. Garnish watermelon chicken stacks with dressing.

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Drink of the week

Watermelon-Grape Fizz

The effervescence of the sparkling water gives the natural watermelon and grape flavours a delightful kick.

- 250 ml (1 cup) seedless watermelon puree
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) grape juice
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) sparkling water
- Crushed ice, to taste

In oversized tumbler, mix watermelon puree and grape juice. Add sparkling water and ice. Stir for a few seconds to ensure drink is blended. Serve.

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4 sports

Murray's title reign: C'est fini

World No. 4 bows out in first round in Montreal ◗ B.C's Pospisil defeats Chela to set up match with Federer

The two-time defending Rogers Cup men's champion is heading home early from this year's tournament.

Britain's Andy Murray crashed out in stunning fashion in Montreal yesterday, falling 6-3, 6-1 in the second round to Kevin Anderson.

Murray, is the tournament's first defending champion to lose an opening match since Marat Safin was knocked out in 2001.

Meanwhile, Canada's Vasek Pospisil advanced to the second round with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Argentina's Juan Ignacio Chela.

The 155th-ranked player from Vernon, B.C., will take on Roger Federer in the next round. The Swiss master lost last year's final to Murray and is ranked third in the world and third at this year's tournament.

There will be no rematch this year.

"I've always played very well here and today I couldn't get anything going," Murray said. "I started both sets really, really badly, which doesn't help against someone who serves like Kevin."

The six-foot-eight Anderson is ranked 35th in the world and had only ever beaten one top-10 player going into the match — Novak Djokovic in 2008.

Anderson landed 65 per cent of his first serves and had five aces at Uniprix Stadium.

"(It was) not exactly what I was expecting," Anderson said of Murray's performance.

"And at the same time I think ... the way I played, the way I served today — I think I did make it pretty tough for him."

Murray won the 2009 Rogers Cup in Montreal and successfully defended his title last year in Toronto.

His head dropped and his shoulders slumped after he drove a game-point shot right into the middle of the net to put Anderson up 5-1 in the second set.

"I just felt very slow," Murray said. "The game seemed to be going so fast."

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▶ Andy Murray reacts to a lost point against Kevin Anderson in Montreal yesterday.

Canadian hopes

Stephanie Dubois and Aleksandra Wozniak both advanced at the Rogers Cup women's tournament with first-round wins yesterday.

▶ Dubois, of Laval, Que., battled to a 7-6 (4), 6-1 win over German qualifier Kathrin Woerle, while Wozniak, from Blainville, Que., sailed past Israel's Shahar Peer 6-1, 6-0.

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Canadians right ship against Czech Republic

Canada's men's under-18 team bounced back from a disappointing opening game at the Ivan Hlinka memorial hockey tournament by defeating the Czech Republic 6-1 yesterday.

Jarrod Maidens and Morgan Rielly each had a goal and an assist for Canada, which opened the event Monday with a penalty-filled 5-1 loss to Sweden.

Andreas Athanasiou, Charles Hudon, Sean Monahan and Matthew Dumba had the other goals for Canada. Pavel Sedlacek replied for the Czechs.

Canadian head coach Steve Spott said his players are starting to adjust to the style of refereeing in Europe.

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Sports in brief

Injury puts Sizemore's season in doubt

MLB. The Cleveland Indians won't have injured centre-fielder Grady Sizemore back until at least September, and there are no guarantees he'll return this season.

Manager Manny Acta said before last night's game against Detroit that Sizemore, sidelined since July 18 with a bruised right knee, will definitely not be back this month.

The Indians originally said Sizemore would be out four to six weeks, or by Sept. 1.

Acta would not give a possible date for the 28-year-old's return.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	72	43	.626	—
New York	69	45	.605	2½
Tampa Bay	61	54	.530	11
Toronto	58	57	.504	14
Baltimore	44	69	.389	27

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	61	53	.535	—
Cleveland	56	56	.500	4
Chicago	57	58	.496	4½
Minnesota	51	65	.440	11
Kansas City	49	67	.422	13

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	66	51	.564	—
Los Angeles	64	52	.552	1½
Oakland	52	63	.452	13
Seattle	49	66	.426	16

Last night's results

Chicago White Sox 4, Baltimore 3

L.A. Angels 6, N.Y. Yankees 4

Detroit at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.

Oakland 4, Toronto 1

Tampa Bay 4, Kansas City 0

Texas 7, Seattle 6

Boston 4, Minnesota 3

Monday's results

Chicago White Sox 7 Baltimore 6

Boston 8 Minnesota 6

Tampa Bay 2 Kansas City 1

Texas 9 Seattle 2

Tonight's games

Chicago White Sox (Humber 8-8) at Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 1-2), 7:05 p.m.

Detroit (Porcello 11-6) at Cleveland (Jimenez 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Richards 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 10-4), 7:05 p.m.

Oakland (G.Gonzalez 9-9) at Toronto (Alvarez 0-0), 7:07 p.m.

Kansas City (F.Paulino 1-4) at Tampa Bay (W.Davis 8-7), 7:10 p.m.

Seattle (Vargas 6-10) at Texas (D.Holland 10-4), 8:05 p.m.

Boston (Lester 11-5) at Minnesota (Blackburn 7-9), 8:10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 12:10 p.m.

Oakland at Toronto, 12:37 p.m.

L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.

Detroit at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	75	40	.652	—
Atlanta	68	49	.581	8
New York	58	57	.504	17
Washington	56	59	.487	19
Florida	55	61	.474	20½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	66	50	.569	—
St. Louis	62	54	.534	4
Pittsburgh	55	59	.482	10
Cincinnati	55	61	.474	11
Chicago	49	67	.422	17
Houston	38	77	.330	27½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	63	53	.543	—
Arizona	62	53	.539	½
Colorado	55	62	.470	8½
Los Angeles	52	62	.456	10
San Diego	51	66	.436	12½

Last night's results

Atlanta 4, Florida 3, 11 innings

Colorado 3, Cincinnati 2

N.Y. Mets 5, San Diego 4

Washington 3, Chicago Cubs 1

Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 3, 10 innings

Houston at Arizona

Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers

Pittsburgh at San Francisco

Monday's results

Atlanta 8, Florida 5

Colorado 10, Cincinnati 7

N.Y. Mets 9, San Diego 8

Washington at Chicago, ppd., rain

Houston 9, Arizona 1

Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers

Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 0

Today's games

Philadelphia (Worley 8-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 10-9), 3:10 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Karstens 8-6) at San Francisco (J.Sanchez 4-6), 3:45 p.m.

Atlanta (T.Hudson 11-7) at Florida (Ani.Sanchez 6-5), 7:10 p.m.

Colorado (Millwood 0-0) at Cincinnati (Leake 9-7), 7:10 p.m.

San Diego (Harang 10-3) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 5-10), 7:10 p.m.

Washington (Detwiler 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (R.Lopez 2-3), 8:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Wolf 8-8) at St. Louis (Westbrook 9-5), 8:15 p.m.

Houston (An.Rodriguez 0-4) at Arizona (Collmenter 6-7), 9:40 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.

Colorado at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.

Washington at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.

Milwaukee at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.

Houston at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

ATHLETICS 4, BLUE JAYS 1

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
JWeeks 2b	5	0	1	0	YEscor ss	4	0	2	0
Pnngtn ss	4	1	1	0	EThms lf	4	0	1	0
Matsui dh	4	0	0	0	Bautist rf	4	0	0	0
Wlngh lf	3	1	1	2	Lind 1b	4	0	0	0
CJcksn 1b	4	0	0	0	Encrnc dh	2	1	2	1
DeJess rf	3	1	0	0	Teahen pr	0	0	0	0
KSuzuk c	4	1	2	1	Rasms cf	4	0	1	0
Sweeny cf	3	0	1	1	A.Hill 2b	4	0	0	0
SSizmr 3b	3	0	0	0	Arencii c	3	0	0	0
Lawrie 3b	3	0	0	0					
Totals	**33**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**Totals**		**32**	**1**	**6**	**1**

Oakland	000	002	101	4
Toronto	010	000	000	1

DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Oakland 6, Toronto 7. 2B—E.Thames (13). HR—Willingham (18), K.Suzuki (10), Encarnacion (10).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Harden W,3-2	7	5	1	1	2	8
Balfour H,19	1	1	0	0	0	0
A.Bailey S,14-16	1	0	0	0	1	0
Toronto						
Cecil L,4-5	7	4	3	3	2	5
L.Perez	1 1-3	0	1	1	0	0
Camp	2-3	2	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Cecil (Willingham), by L.Perez (DeJesus). Umpires—Home, Doug Eddings; First, Dana DeMuth; Second, Kerwin Danley; Third, Paul Nauert.
T—2:31. A—20,521 (49,260).

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Columbus	23	9	7	7	24	22	34
Philadelphia	22	8	5	9	27	20	33
Kansas City	23	7	7	9	32	30	30
New York	24	6	6	12	37	33	30
Houston	23	6	7	10	28	28	28
D.C. United	21	6	6	9	29	33	27
New England	23	4	10	9	22	33	21
Toronto	25	3	11	11	24	46	20
Chicago	22	2	7	13	23	30	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles	25	13	3	9	35	20	48
Dallas	24	12	6	6	31	24	42
Seattle	24	11	5	8	35	27	41
Colorado	25	9	6	10	35	31	37
Real Salt Lake	21	10	5	6	30	16	36
Chivas USA	23	7	8	8	30	26	29
Portland	22	7	10	5	28	35	26
San Jose	23	5	8	10	25	30	25
Vancouver	23	3	11	9	25	36	18

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.

Saturday's games

Chivas USA at Seattle, 4 p.m.

Real Salt Lake at Toronto, 7 p.m.

New England at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.

Vancouver at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.

FC Dallas at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Colorado at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's game

Portland at Houston, 9 p.m.

CFL

WEEK SEVEN

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Winnipeg	6	5	1	0	169	127	10
Montreal	6	4	2	0	195	152	8
Hamilton	6	3	3	0	152	144	6
Toronto	6	1	5	0	128	178	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Edmonton	6	5	1	0	169	127	10
Calgary	6	4	2	0	149	137	8
B.C.	6	1	5	0	150	172	2
Saskatchewan	6	1	5	0	112	184	2

Tomorrow's game

Edmonton at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's game

Calgary at Saskatchewan, 9 p.m.

Saturday's games

Toronto at Hamilton, 7 p.m.

Winnipeg at B.C., 10 p.m.

WEEK EIGHT

Byes: Calgary, Hamilton, Montreal, Winnipeg

Thursday, Aug. 18

Saskatchewan at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 19

B.C. at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

LEADERS

Unofficial CFL scoring leaders following Saturday's game (x — scored two-point convert):

SCORING

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
Whyte, Mtl	0	21	15	1	67
Duval, Edm	0	17	13	9	65
Palardy, Wpg	0	12	16	4	64
Medlock, Ham	0	15	14	3	60
McCallum, BC	0	13	15	2	60
Paredes, Cal	0	11	12	4	51
E.Johnson, Sask	0	11	10	5	46
Stala, Ham	6	0	0	0	36
Prefontaine, Tor	0	8	8	0	32
Edwards, Wpg	5	0	0	0	30
Kackert, Tor	5	0	0	0	30
Stamps, Edm	5	0	0	0	30
Bratton, Mtl	4	0	0	0	24
Cornish, Cal	4	0	0	0	24
Diedrick, Mtl	4	0	0	0	24
Barnes, Edm	3	0	0	0	18
Brown, BC	3	0	0	0	18
Cates, Sask	3	0	0	0	18
Cobourne, Ham	3	0	0	0	18
Foster, BC	3	0	0	0	18
Green, Mtl	3	0	0	0	18
Porter, Edm	3	0	0	0	18
Richardson, Mtl	3	0	0	0	18
Robertson, BC	3	0	0	0	18
C.Williams, Ham	3	0	0	0	18
Shaw, Tor	0	5	4	1	18
Dressler, Sask	2	0	0	0	12
Getzlaf, Sask	2	0	0	0	12
Jeffers-Harris, Wpg	2	0	0	0	12
Joseph, Edm	2	0	0	0	12
Lemon, Tor	2	0	0	0	12
McPherson, Mtl	2	0	0	0	12
Messam, Edm	2	0	0	0	12
Reynolds, Cal	2	0	0	0	12
Simon, BC	2	0	0	0	12
Whitaker, Mtl	2	0	0	0	12
Banks, BC	1	0	0	0	6
Bishop, Cal	1	0	0	0	6

GOLF

WEEKEND GLANCE

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Site: Springfield, Mo.
Schedule: Tomorrow-Sunday.
Television: None.
Online: www.pgatour.com

HOCKEY

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At Breclav, Czech Republic and Piestany, Slovakia

PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	OT	W	OT	L	GF	GA	Pt
Sweden	2	2	0	0	0	0	9	4	6
Canada	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**7**	**6**	**3**	
Czech Republic	2	1	0	0	1	4	7	3	
Switzerland	2	0	0	0	2	4	7	0	

GROUP B

	GP	W	OT	W	OT	L	GF	GA	Pt
Finland	2	2	0	0	0	16	5	6	
Russia	2	1	0	1	0	9	7	4	
U.S.	2	0	1	0	1	8	10	2	
Slovakia	2	0	0	0	2	4	15	0	

Note: Three points awarded for a win in regulation, two for an overtime win and one for losing in overtime.

Yesterday's results

At Piestany, Slovakia

Finland 10 Slovakia 2

U.S. 5 Russia 4 (OT)

At Breclav, Czech Republic

Canada 6 Czech Republic 1

Sweden 4 Switzerland 3

Monday's results

At Piestany, Slovakia

Finland 6 U.S. 3

Russia 5 Slovakia 2

At Breclav, Czech Republic

Sweden 5 **Canada 1**

Czech Republic 3 Switzerland 1

Today's games

At Piestany, Slovakia

Russia vs. Finland, 8 a.m.

Slovakia vs. U.S., 11:30 a.m.

At Breclav, Czech Republic

Canada vs. Switzerland, 9:30 a.m.

Czech Republic vs. Sweden, 1 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 11

No Games Scheduled.

TENNIS

ATP ROGERS CUP

At Montreal

Singles

First Round

Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Gilles Simon (9), France, 7-5, 6-2.

Richard Gasquet (10), France, def. Florian Mayer, Germany, 6-3, 6-2.

Michael Llodra, France, def. Mikhail Youzhny (11), Russia, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Viktor Troicki (12), Serbia, def. Michael Yani, U.S., 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Vasek Pospisil, Vernon, B.C., def. Juan Ignacio Chela, Argentina, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-2, 7-5.

Michael Russell, U.S., def. Albert Montanes, Spain, 7-5, 6-2.

Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 7-5, 6-1.

Second Round

Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Andy Murray (4), Britain, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles

First Round

Paul Hanley, Australia, and Bruno Soares, Brazil, def. Nicolas Almagro, Spain, and Lukas Dlouhy, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, and Stanislas Wawrinka, Switzerland, def. Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, and Dick Norman, Belgium, 6-2, 6-4.

Second Round

Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, and Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes (3), India, 6-1, 7-6 (9).

WTA ROGERS CUP

At Toronto

Singles

First Round

Andrea Petkovic (11), Germany, def. **Eugenie Bouchard, Westmount, Que.,** 6-2, 6-2.

Agnieszka Radwanska (13), Poland, def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 6-4, 6-1.

Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Dominika Cibulkova (16), Slovakia, 7-5, 4-6, 1-3 retired.

Stephanie Dubois, Laval, Que., def. Kathrin Woerle, Germany, 7-6 (4), 6-1.

Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que., def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-1, 6-0.

Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Maria Kirilenko, Russia, 6-3, 6-1.

Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Gisela Dulko, Argentina, 6-3, 6-4.

Roberta Vinci, Italy, def. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 6-4, 6-2.

Peng Shuai, China, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 6-1, 7-5.

Ana Ivanovic, Serbia, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 6-1, 6-1.

Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 7-5, 6-1.

Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, def. Jelena Dokic, Australia, 2-0, retired.

Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Serena Williams, U.S., def. Alona Bondarenko, Ukraine, 6-0, 6-3.

Second Round

Zheng Jie, China, def. Kim Clijsters, Belgium, 3-6, 2-1 retired.

Doubles — First Round

Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, and Julia Goerges, Germany, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 2-6, 7-5, 10-6 tiebreak.

Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Vladimira Uhlirova, Czech Republic, def. Rebecca Marino, Vancouver, and Sun Shengnan, China, 7-6 (9), 6-3.

Ana Ivanovic, Serbia, and Andrea Petkovic, Germany, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, and Nadia Petrova, Russia, 1-6, 7-6 (7), 10-6.

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Speed, wheels and brakes

Buick claims the Regal GS delivers zero-to-100-km/h runs in the low seven-second threshold, which is decent, but not spectacular for the 1,680-kilogram sedan.

The GS features 19- and optional 20-inch wheels. As well, it's braking has been upgraded with a four-wheel-disc package from Brembo, a company that supplies the stopping power for the world's most elite cars.

Suspension

Performance-oriented upgrading has also been bestowed upon the GS. Chief among these are special "HiPerStruts" for the front suspension that help reduce torque steer, which is the tendency for high-powered front-wheel-drive vehicles to pull to one side under hard acceleration.

The driver can choose standard, sport and extra-firm suspension settings and for a more sporting feel, the degree of power-steering boost is reduced as suspension firmness increases.

Engine

What will give this Buick its performance chops is a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder that Buick promises will deliver at least 255 horsepower and a stout 295 pound-feet of torque.

By comparison, the Regal CXL's optional 2.0-litre turbo engine produces 220 horses and 258 pound-feet of torque. Much of GS's added output comes from increased turbocharger boost pressure along with freer flowing exhaust plumping.

▶ The latest Regal has German origins, so outfitting it with a good engine and hardware geared for a fun driving experience is a natural extension of the platform. Hey, get used to the "new Buick."

A performance Buick? You bet

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Buick continues to fashion a hipper image with the new Regal GS significantly enhancing the brand's stock.

The GS — short for Gran Sport, a performance label that Buick first used back in the mid-1960s — will be added to the Regal lineup later this year, showing the world that there really can be such a thing as a performance Buick.

The new model also provides one more engine choice for its new midsize platform. At one end of the spectrum, the 2012 Regal will be offered with a new gasoline-electric hybrid combo, called eAssist, that delivers significantly enhanced fuel economy. At the other end, the new GS comes with an enhanced-output turbocharged four-cylinder engine and matching performance/luxury content to challenge similar mid-size sedans from Europe and Japan.

Just as General Motors' Cadillac division is changing its image with the high-output CTS-V coupe and sedan, the GS will undoubtedly challenge the public's perceptions about Buick, which has traditionally catered to older drivers who cared very little about acceleration, road holding and steering and stopping performance.

Actually, Buick has a head start since the Regal sedan was conceived in Germany and is arguably the most visually arresting model in Buick's fleet.

5 drive

By comparison

BMW 328i sedan
Base price: $43,000
Reigning Euro-sedan king offers peppy engines and bank vault build quality.

Acura TL
Base price: $41,400
Redesigned 2012 edition comes fully loaded and is a blast to drive.

Lincoln MKZ
Base price: $40,000
Distinctive four-door is available with optional AWD and hybrid power.

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Supposedly, many women dislike the car buying experience because they don't like negotiating. But from my experience, women seem to be very effective negotiators.

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People who hate negotiating and value their time love Unhaggle:
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Peter F.
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Bought a 2011 Toyota Tacoma with Unhaggle
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▶ Shown is a screen capture of Unhaggle.com's website, which gets new car dealers to vie for your business and send you the best price on a vehicle.

In fact I would say that when the women in my life — my mother, my wife, and my daughter — negotiate with me they seem to have the process nailed. Basically it goes like this: I lose. They win.

So maybe it's more about the particular negotiating culture found in some new car dealerships, that women don't care for so much.

A lot of men don't care for it either. One of them is Andrew Tai, co-founder of unhaggle.com.

Tai started the business after thinking about his car buying experience last fall.

"I quickly decided on which car I wanted … But that final leg of the buying process, negotiating a price, was so laborious, frustrating and time intensive … The MSRP didn't mean that much … To figure out the true price of the car I had to go to each dealership and negotiate."

Once you've settled on a particular make and model of vehicle, you can go on unhaggle.com, and for $47, the website will get the appropriate new car dealers in your area to vie for your business — they will all send you their best prices on the vehicle you desire.

And according to Tai, the price quotes "really are the drive-away numbers." No further negotiation required.

There are a number of online entities in Canada where you can comparison shop for new cars, and even complete an online purchase, but unhaggle.com appears to be the only one where you can get "marketplace" quotes from a number of independent dealerships. In the U.S. marketplace, however, you'll find several entities based on this model.

If you think dealerships might be unhappy with this development, think again.

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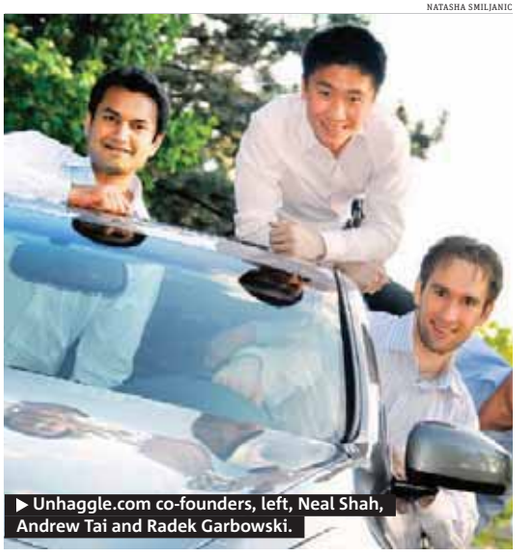

▶ Unhaggle.com co-founders, left, Neal Shah, Andrew Tai and Radek Garbowski.

The Internet has been around a while, and dealerships are very aware that some customers want to do business this way and this way only.

Most have "Internet" departments, who deal specifically with online customers.

"Dealerships recognize the type and seriousness of the customer we're bringing them," notes Tai.

"These customers really want to get as much done as possible online, without coming to the dealership."

And that includes credit applications and establishing a value for their trade-in.

The latter is accomplished via unhaggle.com's partnership with Canadian Black Book, which has been establishing wholesale trade in values in Canada for decades.

You choose the dealerships you want to receive quotes from. If a dealership is not yet signed on with unhaggle.com, they will be invited to participate.

The site has been up since April, and Tai notes that its customers have made deals in every major Canadian city, and with virtually all major car brands represented. (But so far it is an English-only site.)

"What we're doing isn't exactly new," says Tai.

"On the Internet, you can compare prices on practically anything. This is trend that reaches across almost every industry. New cars is that one last piece."

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▶ A Hot Wheels version of the Dodge Challenger required approval from Chrysler.

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You've probably seen pictures of designers working on new vehicles: sketching outlines, taking measurements and working on prototypes. The process isn't much different when the car is only a fraction as big.

"It's definitely a lot of work, and you want to make them interesting and unique," says Eric Tscherne, a former designer for Hot Wheels toys.

"You're dealing with a little bit of material. We push those boundaries to keep it fresh and new."

As with most real-car designs, the first step "is to get the idea out of your brain, on a notebook or a piece of paper," Tscherne says.

"Those first little 'napkin sketches' have most of the information. From there, you draw a nicer drawing or use 3-D computer software to realize it.

"You design it to meet a cost or a specification. If you're integrating technology, if you have to integrate a battery or a switch, it will define the size."

Depending on the toy, the design then moves to a computerized machine that builds a prototype, or to a model builder who produces a clay model. This is cast into material to create a tooling model, which in turn is cut into steel to produce the molds for the toys.

A regular 1/64th Hot Wheels can take six to eight months from initial sketch to finished product, while a more complex toy can take two years or more. Designers must consider the stores as well, Tscherne says.

"I've got a shelf at Wal-Mart that's 18 inches high, so my box can be 17-½ inches. The more you design toys, you realize there are parameters that you never thought you'd be working with. The retailer isn't going to buy special shelves to stock your product."

Making a real car into a toy requires the automaker's approval, which can take a long time; high-end companies like Ferrari are very particular and will send a toy back several times for minor tweaks.

Tscherne preferred designing vehicles from his imagination: "The only person you have to impress is your own boss."

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Nissan has shown that it is daring in its design with this unusual-looking proposition, the Nissan Juke.

The car is a crossover mixing SUV and sports car. The combination might sound unlikely but it really works.

This stylish and feisty little crossover city car, with its tough good looks, is designed, and set, to attract style-conscious men to the SUV segment.

Test Drive. Nissan Juke

By the numbers

- **Base price:** $19,998
- **Engine:** 1.6-litre Direct Injection Gasoline DOHC 16-valve turbocharged 4-cylinder engine
- **Power:** 188 horsepower

Best thing
Its unique, quirky good looks and deceptively spacious interior.

Worst thing
Its poor eco performance — the fuel economy and carbon emissions are not as green as they should be, in 2011.

Interior

The inside has been cleverly-designed to be far more spacious than the exterior would suggest. It looks cool too, with a centre console inspired by the design of a motorcycle tank.

Exterior

A crossover fusion of SUV and sports car doesn't sound like a recipe for success, but this one is excellent.

The combination of SUV up top and sports car down below works a treat.

Performance

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Most people only think about their vehicle's antifreeze/coolant during extreme weather conditions ... or when it's too late and their overheated vehicle is stranded on the side of the road. The truth is, antifreeze/coolant is a year-round concern.

"As the name implies, antifreeze/coolant performs two functions," explains Jay Buckley, ASE certified master mechanic and training manager for Prestone.

"It helps keep the engine's cooling system from freezing up in cold weather and from boiling over in hot weather."

In order to help lower exhaust emissions, modern engines run at very high operating temperatures. Cooling system temperatures of 110 C are not uncommon. What's more, many engines are constructed of dissimilar metals, which can lead to corrosion. All of this puts more stress on the antifreeze/coolant.

A high-quality antifreeze/coolant, like Prestone LongLife, which is designed for use with any antifreeze/coolant in any vehicle make or model, can have a long service life.

However, it's still important to monitor the coolant level and condition regularly.

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But it's not enough simply to check the level.

A professional technician should also test the condition of the coolant and the coolant concentration to ensure that it doesn't need to be changed. Because antifreeze/coolant service intervals can be two years or longer, it's easy to forget about it.

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▶ When was the last time you checked your coolant level and condition?

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Most hotel blackout curtains do a reasonable job keeping daylight out when sleep is the goal, but sometimes, it's just not enough.

On this morning, after 12 nights of Alaskan sleep deprivation during the season of the midnight sun, getting into a decent functional mood isn't easy.

It doesn't help that the Starbucks on Anchorage's 5th Ave. messes up my java fix and then toasts a garlic bagel instead of a multigrain one.

And what about the fact that, as event planners, my wife Lisa Calvi and I have changed hotels 10 times in less than two weeks during an extended business trip to Alaska?

We pack our suitcases and office supplies into the hatchback. This is a normal car, I remind myself, stuffing the last of the suitcases into the cargo area, which is massive with the rear seats folded down.

I head south out of Anchorage toward the Kenai Peninsula. Lisa and I booked a six-hour glacier cruise out of Whittier and have an appointment at the "tunnel" which is the only land connection from the port of Whittier to the rest of the world.

As my brooding levels out, the silent, comfortable ride of Chevrolet's all-new Volt reminds me that we are indeed running on electricity and will be for about 50 kilometres.

It doesn't matter that we're driving about 300 kilometres that day. Once the battery runs down, an onboard four-cylinder gasoline-powered generator will kick in and extend our range for another 500 or so kilometres. Sure we might consume a little fossil fuel, but there is no pesky "my-battery-is-running-low-range-anxiety" with the Volt.

The idea of leaving home for a weekend road trip with an electric vehicle is normally a dicey proposition, unless the plan doesn't involve much driving, because range is short and charing takes a long time ... if you can find somewhere to charge.

That makes the Chevy Volt a compelling alternative. It's an electric car that doesn't need a back-up vehicle beside it in the driveway.

From Whittier, the cruise through Prince William Sound is a spellbinding affair that stops briefly at a remote fish hatchery where salmon are jumping, rafts of sea otters are frisking and bald eagles swooping. It's like an advertisement for animal heaven.

Back in Whittier, I power up the Volt. The battery charge is depleted but the four-cylinder gasoline generator engine keeps the charge between 20 and 29 per cent so we're not concerned about anything but making the tunnel appointment time to get us back to the main road.

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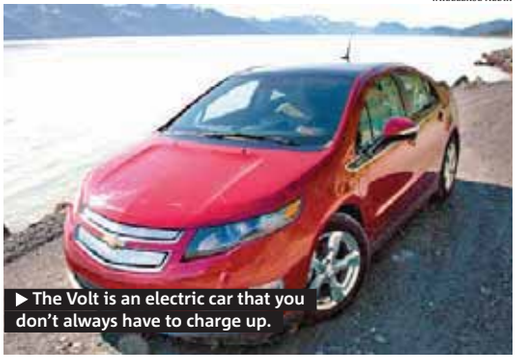

▶ The Volt is an electric car that you don't always have to charge up.

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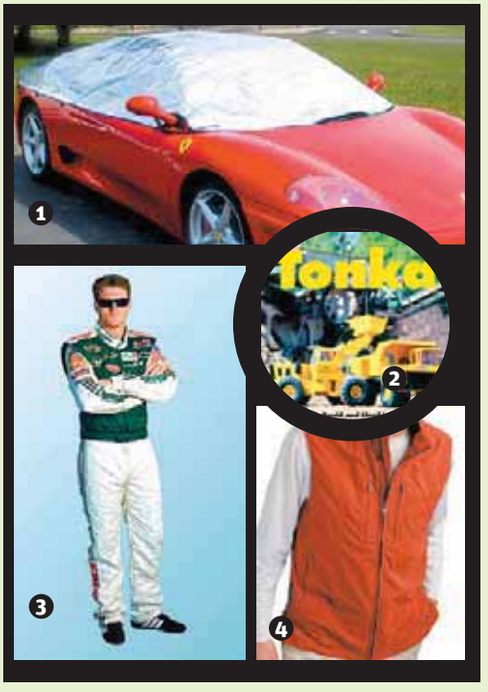

1 If you think that using a cardboard windshield shade is sufficient to keep the heat out, the simple fact is that the heat already got into the car. To keep it cool inside and the heat outside, check out the Cool Cap by Reflectionite. Because it securely attaches on the outside, the company claims that the reflective material will significantly reduce the amount of heat entering the interior. itscoolinhere.com.

2 Many youngsters grew up with toy construction vehicles. Hey, who didn't have a Tonka truck or front-end loader? The name Tonka means "great" or "big," and is derived from Lake Minnetonka that's near the company's Mound, Minn., headquarters. That tidbit and others are contained in a fascinating new book on the history of this storied toy maker, written by Dennis David (who worked at Tonka for 30 years and retired as vice president of manufacturing) and Lloyd Laumann. qbooks.com.

3 Are you a huge Nascar fan? Then why not embrace the passion with an equally huge poster of your favourite driver from Fathead of Livonia, Mich. And by huge we mean about 45 x 78 inches. The company carries a wide variety of colour posters featuring such stars as Jeff Gordon, Kyle Busch, Jimmie Johnson, Tony Stewart, Dale Earnhardt (Senior and Junior), to name just a few. fathead.com.

4 Travelling usually requires carrying lots of stuff, including your cell phone, iPad-type tablet, sunglasses, passport, water bottle and so on. Scottevest literally has you covered with its unique sleeveless Travel Vest. This item comes with 22 built-in (and mostly hidden) pockets that keep all your travel gear organized and always close at hand. scottevest.com.

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The last-generation car featured sedan, wagon or "Comfort Coupe" four-door body styles, two available engines, available All Wheel Drive (AWD) and plenty of high-tech goodies.

2006 to 2011 VW Passat

Engine

VW's two-litre turbo four-cylinder engine with 200 horsepower was standard on all models. The automaker's 3.6-litre, 280-horsepower V6 was also available.

What owners like

For most owners, the looks, refinement, performance and driving experience of the Passat were big draws. A high-quality interior feel, plenty of power with either engine and long list of bells and whistles all earned praise.

What owners dislike

Common complaints include poor gas mileage on V6-equipped models, a stiff ride, and a trunk design that allows water and snow to spill into the cargo area when the trunk is opened.

Common issues

An engine that seems to "misfire" or "hesitate" is likely suffering from bad ignition coil packs, a common VW and Audi problem on older models.

Note that the more complicated 3.6-litre engine suffers from a potential oil-pump bolt defect that could result in engine failure. As such, opt for the two-litre engine wherever possible, and get any extended warranty offered on Passat models powered by the larger engine.

Verdict

Ultimately, the big draws to a last-generation Passat will be the driving experience, styling and relatively affordable blend of luxury and high-tech. Expect to pay a premium in the market for the vehicle, repair costs, fuel and insurance.

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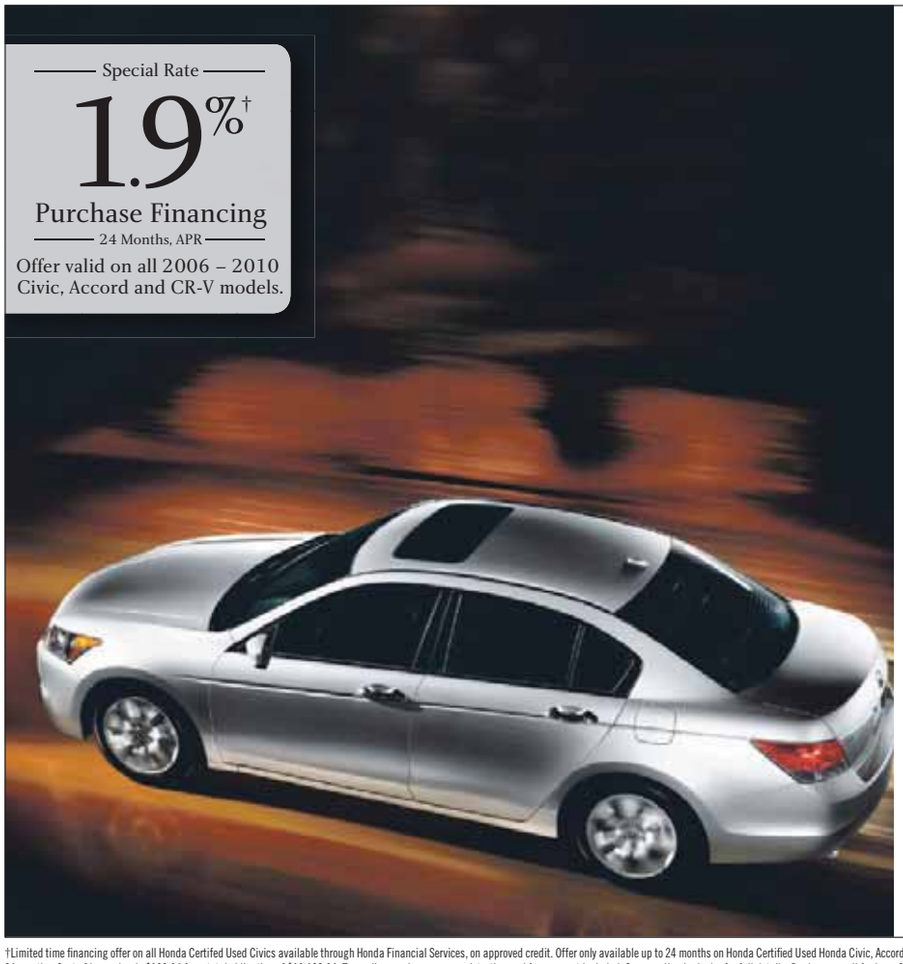

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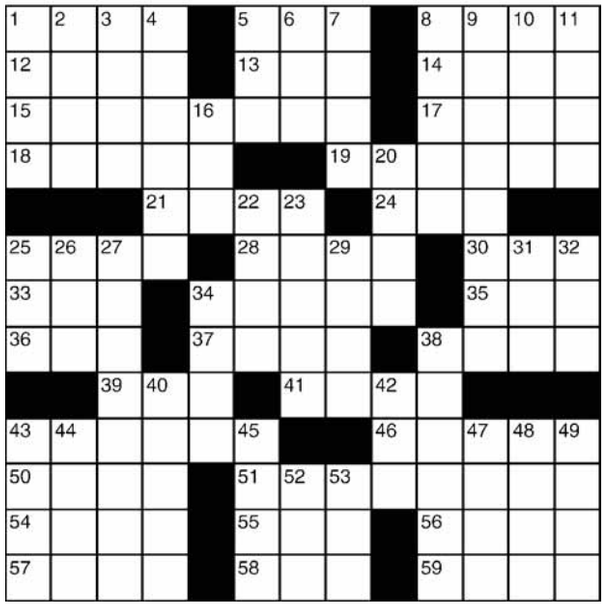

Across

1 Clumsy boats
5 Nourished
8 Casual eatery
12 Place
13 Parisian pal
14 Mimicked
15 Cutout fastened to a garment
17 Raced
18 Argument
19 Wiseacre
21 Emanation
24 Equi-
25 Family
28 Tournament format
30 Pump up the volume
33 Tear
34 Tell's target
35 Bill and —
36 "Uh-huh"
37 Repast
38 Charioteer's prop
39 Intend
41 Mascara site
43 The "Saw" series' genre
46 Hurl
50 Vicinity
51 Book end?
54 Landlord's due
55 Earth (Pref.)
56 24 cans
57 Speck
58 Football position
59 Historic periods-

Down

1 "Oh, woe!"
2 Ready for the picking
3 Retained
4 Muslim sovereign
5 Online help page noun
6 Ostrich's cousin
7 Conks out
8 Houses (Sp.)
9 Come near
10 Yard units
11 Whirlpool
16 Debtor's letters
20 Go for the gold?
22 Lasso
23 Shock (Var.)
25 Weep
26 Brooklyn sch.
27 Obvious
29 Singer Fitzgerald
31 Miss Piggy's property
32 Old man
34 Bullets, e.g.
38 From what place?
40 Angry
42 The girl
43 Injury
44 Sandwich treat
45 Anger
47 Hebrew month
48 Passport endorsement
49 Former spouses
52 Corral
53 Spacecraft compartment

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	N	T	I			E	B	B		M	A	M	A
L	O	O	M			L	E	O		I	T	E	M
P	R	O	B	A	B	L	Y			R	O	S	Y
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A	N	O	N		K	E	Y		E	L	A	N	

Sudoku

	3		2		4	1	5	
					8			6
6						9		8
	8		4			7	9	
				3				
	9	5			7		2	
3		7						9
2			6					
	4	6	9		3		1	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	2	1	9	4	3	8	6	7
8	3	9	7	6	2	4	5	1
6	4	7	1	8	5	9	2	3
9	7	2	6	1	4	5	3	8
1	8	3	2	5	7	6	4	9
4	5	6	3	9	8	1	7	2
7	1	4	5	2	9	3	8	6
2	6	8	4	3	1	7	9	5
3	9	5	8	7	6	2	1	4

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Min 11°	Min 8°	Min 9°
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Creative pursuits will go well for you with the Sun moving through the most dynamic area of your chart.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It's time to make those changes on the home front you have been thinking about for ages but have put off.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Being with other people is of tremendous importance to you right now. Socialize a lot.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 After the sacrifices you've made recently, you deserve a reward. Splurge.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Focus on your top aim with no distractions and no self-doubts.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Put aside some time to think about the direction in which your life is moving. A major shift may be needed.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Over the next few days, you will draw closer to a group of people who in some way inspire you.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You are remarkably resilient and that's good because you are about to face a series of challenges.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You need to be a bit more forceful in putting forward your ideas.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If you are offered some kind of deal today, learn everything about it before agreeing to sign on.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you are wise, you will let work colleagues make decisions for you over the next 24 hours.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Stop wasting time and energy on vague and meaningless daydreams.

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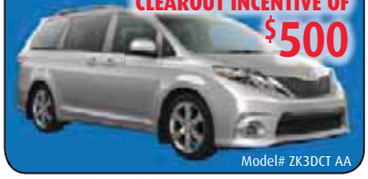

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